

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear violation of the the public trust.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Using the airways owned by the public for partisan politics is a dangerous betrayal of the public trust. We expect the FCC to issue the strongest rebuke possible. And if Sinclair persists in this betrayal, the FCC should revoke Sinclair's license to broadcast.

Sinclair's forcing its subsidiaries to air the political views of the corporate managers is likewise a violation of Sinclair's promise to protect local autonomy. The FCC should revoke Sinclair's license for this violation as well.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.

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